

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Patent Office for the careful attention accorded this application and respectfully requests reconsideration.

Applicants have canceled claim 102 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amended claims 103-119, 121-123, 125, 128 and 129 to place these claims in condition for allowance. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuation applications based on the canceled claims.

Applicants would like it noted that the Detailed Action listed claims 102-107, 109, 112-114, 117, 119, 121, 122, 125-127, and 129-133 as currently pending. Applicants believe that, prior to the above amendment, Claims 102-133 were pending. Thus, the above amendment contains those claims (nos. 108, 110, 111, 115, 116, 118, 120, 123, 124 and 128) not listed in the Detailed Action.

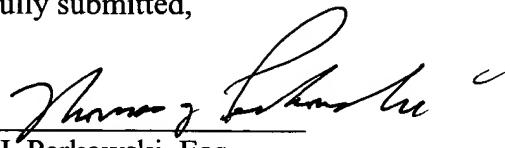
Applicants also submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in order to overcome the Examiner's double-patenting rejection in view of Applicants' U.S. Patent No. 6,758,402.

In view, therefore, of the Amendments set forth above, Applicant firmly believes that the present invention defined by the claims 103-133, is neither anticipated by, nor rendered obvious in view of, the prior art of record and that the present invention is now in condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

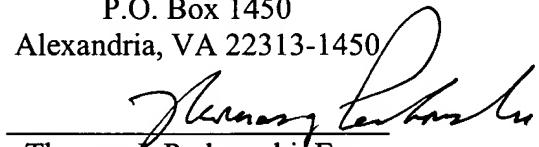
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